



SCAM REPAIR ARTISTS TARGETING SENIORS STATEWIDE

A SCAM INVOLVING MOLD REPAIR has been reported in Austin. The targets of the scam have been women between the ages of 60 and 73. The suspect approached his victims at their homes. In some cases, the women were told that mold had been detected or removed from their homes while they were gone, and that if they didn't sign a document for the work they would be sued by the city. In another home repair case, the suspect told the victim that he was a sub-contractor for the city, that he had repaired her driveway using excess materials, and that she owed him money for the repair. The Austin Police Department Web site has posted a description of the suspect.

NEW REPORTS from the Dallas area and East Texas indicate that roof repair scams are still occurring in Texas. Authorities caution against unsolicited offers of home repairs in general. There have been reports of "repairmen" entering homes, robbing victims, and posing as "inspectors" to gain entry.

If you have been victimized by a home repair scam, or know someone who has, please file a report with your local police department or district attorney's office. Be aware that you cannot be coerced into paying for work that was started without your permission.

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